

SUPPLEMENTAL ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATION FOR
THE FISCAL YEAR 1939 FOR THE WAR DEPARTMENT

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

A SUPPLEMENTAL ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATION AMOUNTING TO \$191,000, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1939, TO REMAIN AVAILABLE UNTIL JUNE 30, 1940, FOR THE WAR DEPARTMENT, TOGETHER WITH TWO DRAFTS OF PROPOSED PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO EXISTING APPROPRIATIONS OF THAT DEPARTMENT

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THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, January 4, 1939.

THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit therewith for the consideration of Congress a supplemental estimate of appropriation amounting to \$191,000, for the fiscal year 1939, to remain available until June 30, 1940 for the War Department, together with two drafts of proposed provisions pertaining to existing appropriations of that Department.

The details of this supplemental estimate of appropriation and the two drafts of proposed provisions pertaining to existing appropriations, the necessity therefor, and the reasons for their transmission at this time are set forth in the letter of the Acting Director of the Bureau of the Budget, transmitted herewith, with whose comments and observations I concur.

Respectfully,

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,
Washington, January 3, 1939.

SIR: I have the honor to submit for your consideration a supplemental estimate of appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1939, for the War Department, amounting to \$191,000, to remain available until June 30, 1940, together with two drafts of proposed provisions pertaining to existing appropriations of that Department, as follows:

SEACOAST DEFENSES

Seacoast defenses, United States: For an additional amount for seacoast defenses, United States, including the same objects specified under this head in the Military Appropriation Act for the fiscal year 1939, to remain available until June 30, 1940, (10 U. S. C. 271; 31 U. S. C. 583; 52 Stat. 659) ----- \$191,000

Wave action induced by the New England hurricane of September 21, 1938, eroded the shore areas of Forts Michie and Terry, N. Y., to such extent as to seriously threaten the stability of gun batteries and other seacoast defense installations at these forts. It is urgently necessary that measures be undertaken as early as possible to repair the damage and protect these shore areas from further erosion by the sea.

DRAFTS OF PROPOSED PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO EXISTING APPROPRIATIONS

GENERAL STAFF CORPS

Contingencies, Military Intelligence Division: There is hereby transferred to the appropriation "Contingencies, Military Intelligence Division, 1939," the sum of \$12,500 from the appropriation "Pay of the Army, 1939" (Act June 11, 1938, 52 Stat. 644, 645).

This proposed transfer of funds is to provide additional funds for the military intelligence activities of the Army during the remainder of the current fiscal year.

QUARTERMASTER CORPS

Incidental expenses of the Army: There is hereby transferred to the appropriation "Incidental expenses of the Army, 1939" the sum of \$13,000 from the appropriation "Pay of the Army, 1939" (act June 11, 1938, 52 Stat. 645, 650).

This proposed transfer of funds is to enable the War Department to accelerate the recruitment of the Regular Army Enlisted Reserve authorized by the act approved April 25, 1938. The funds will be used for the printing and distribution of posters, pamphlets, and placards and for advertising in newspapers and otherwise.

The foregoing supplemental estimate of appropriation and the two drafts of proposed provisions pertaining to existing appropriations are made necessary by contingencies which have arisen since the transmission of the Budget for the fiscal year 1939. I recommend that they be transmitted to Congress.

Very respectfully,

D. W. BELL,

Acting Director of the Bureau of the Budget.

The PRESIDENT,
The White House.